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COUNTRY Poland

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TOPIC Babie Doly and Rahmel Airfields

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REMARKS

SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. Between 10 and 29 May 1953, construction workers dismantled old temporary buildings and sheds and erected new brick and steel hangars at Gdynia-Babie Doly (Q 55/Y 45) airfield. Expansion work was under way on the two runways. The former farm at Nowe Oblucz (Q 55/X 45) was leveled and included in the field area.
2. The airfield was under Polish administration. Allegedly, Soviets in Polish uniforms were also stationed there. The number of jet aircraft stationed at the field changed frequently. Source observed 50 to 60 swept-back jet planes with high rudder assemblies. An employee at the field stated that the number of jet planes at the field averaged between 20 and 40. Single-engine fighters were also parked at the field.
3. On 27 and 28 May, there was intensive air activity at the field by single-engine fighters and single-jet planes which practiced taking off, circling widely over the land and sea and landing. Source observed once that three jet planes took off in wedge formation and subsequently flew over Rahmel (Romania - Q 55/y 35) at such a high altitude that only vapor trails could be seen. Source further observed a flight of three twin-jet planes over Romania but he could not definitely state whether these planes also came from Babie Doly airfield. 2
4. Rahmel airfield is allegedly no longer used as an airfield but only as target range for jet aircraft which practice rocket firing at ground targets. 3

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to available information, Babie Doly airfield is occupied by a Polish naval air force unit. From previous information and the present report it is inferred that the naval air force unit very probably is also equipped with MiG-15s. The number of MiG-15s assigned to this unit has not been determined. It is believed that most of the MiG-15s observed are detached from all Polish fighter units and are stationed only temporarily at Babie Doly airfield for firing practices at ground targets. Expansion work at the field was previously reported by other sources.

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2. Comment. An exact description of the twin-jet planes was not possible because of the high altitude of flight. So far, no information has been received from fairly reliable sources that Il-28s were assigned to Polish units.

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3. Comment. Bahnel airfield is used as a target range by Polish and Soviet Air Force units. Rocket bombing by jet aircraft is reported for the first time.

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